



# INDUSTRY CIRCULAR

**DEPARTMENT OF  
THE TREASURY**

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## GIFTS AND GRATUITIES

**Regulated Members of the Alcohol and Tobacco Industries,  
and Others Concerned**

As we find ourselves in the midst of another holiday season with its accustomed celebrations, we feel it would be appropriate to remind you in industry of the provisions of law related to the offering or acceptance of gifts and gratuities where Government employees are involved.

Simply stated, you, as a member of a regulated industry, may not offer a gift or other thing of value to an ATF employee, and he or she may not accept it. This is because such an exchange could violate the terms of 18 U.S.C. Sections 201 (f) and (g).

We realize that a small gift offered to an ATF employee during the holiday period may be offered with the best intentions and in the spirit of the season. What we hope to avoid, however, is possible embarrassment to both parties when a gift offered must be turned down, and any situation, however innocent, which may have the appearance of violating the law.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

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Director